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Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented) An isolated human H2R polynucleotide which codes without interruption for an amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO 2, or a complete complement thereto.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) An isolated human H2R polynucleotide comprising, a polynucleotide sequence having 95% or more sequence identity along the entire length of the polynucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO 1 and which codes without interruption for H2R, or a complete complement thereto, wherein said polynucleotide hybridizes under high stringency conditions comprising 5X SSC, 0.5% SDS, 100 μg/ml denatured salmon sperm DNA and 50% formamide, at 42°C to the complete complement of the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1, and wherein said polynucleotide codes for a polypeptide that, has H2 receptor activity upon activation by histamine, leads to the accumulation of cAMP.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented) An isolated H2R polynucleotide, comprising:

a polynucleotide coding for amino acids 360-422 of SEQ ID NO 2, specific fragments thereof which hybridize specifically under high stringent conditions to the polynucleotide sequence from nucleotide positions 1180-1368 as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1, or complete complements thereto.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented) An isolated H2R polynucleotide of claim 3, consisting of: a polynucleotide coding for

amino acids 360-422 of SEQ ID NO 2, or a complete complement thereto.

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- Claim 5 (Previously Presented) An isolated H2R polynucleotide of claim 3, wherein said fragment is effective in a polymerase chain reaction.
- Claim 6 (Previously Presented) An isolated human H2R polypeptide coded for a polynucleotide of claim 1, comprising: the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO 2.
- Claim 7 (Previously Presented) An isolated human H2R polypeptide coded for a polynucleotide of claim 2, comprising: an amino acid sequence having 95% or more sequence identity to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO 2.
- Claim 8 (Previously Presented) An isolated H2R polypeptide coded for by a polynucleotide of claim 3,

coding for amino acids 360-422 of SEQ ID NO 2 or specific fragments thereof.

- Claim 9 (Previously Presented) An isolated H2R polypeptide of claim 8, consisting of: amino acids 360-422 of SEQ ID NO 2.
- Claim 10 (Previously Presented) A method for identifying an agent that modulates the biological activity of a human H2R in mammalian cells expressing a human H2R of claim 2, comprising:

contacting mammalian cells expressing human H2R with a test agent under conditions effective for said test agent to modulate the biological activity of said human H2R, wherein said cells are transformed with a polynucleotide construct comprising an expressible human H2R polynucleotide, whereby said H2R expression is achieved, and

determining whether said test agent modulates said H2R.

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- Claim 11 (Previously Presented) A method of claim 10, wherein said agent is a polynucleotide coding for a peptide selected from amino acids 360-422 of SQ ID NO 2.
- Claim 12 (Previously Presented) A method of claim 10, wherein said human H2R has the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO 2.
- Claim 13 (Currently Amended) A An isolated transformed mammalian cell comprising: a polynucleotide construct comprising a human H2R polynucleotide of claim 2 operatively linked to an expression control sequence.
- Claim 14 (Currently Amended) A An isolated transformed cell of claim 13, wherein said human H2R polynucleotide has the sequence set forth in SEQ ID 1.
- Claim 15 (Currently Amended) A An isolated transformed cell of claim 13, wherein said human H2R polynucleotide has the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID 2.
- Claim 16 (Currently Amended) A <u>An isolated</u> transformed cell of claim 13, wherein said expressible human H2R polynucleotide is integrated into the chromosome of said cell.
- Claim 17 (Previously Presented) An isolated antibody which is specific for a polypeptide having amino acids 360-422 of SEQ ID NO 2, or specific fragments thereof.
- Claim 18 (Previously Presented) An isolated human H2R polynucleotide of claim 1, comprising the polynucleotide sequence from nucleotide positions 103-1368 as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1, or a complete complement thereto.

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Claim 19 (Previously Presented) An isolated H2R polynucleotide of claim 3, wherein said polynucleotide comprises the polynucleotide sequence from nucleotide positions 1180-1368 as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1.